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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM HONG KONG DATED OCTOBER 25, 1977
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FOR DEP ASST SECY GLEYSTEN FROM SHOESMITH

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SUBJECT: EA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

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1. FRAMEWORK OF COM CONFERENCE OUTLINED IN REFTTEL
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LOOKS FINE. ONLY SUGGESTION I WOULD HAVE RELATES
TO MEETING WITH APPCAC. IF AS I BELIEVE HAS BEEN
CASE IN THE PASTAPCAC WISHES TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES
FROM SEVERAL AMCHAMS PARTICIPATE, ONE-HOUR SESSION
PROBABLY WILL NOT BE SEEN AS SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT
THEIR TRAVEL TO HONG KONG. I SEEM TO RECALL SOME
CRITICISM ALONG THIS LINE AT TIME LAST COM CONFERENCE

IN HONOLULU. TWO-HOUR SESSION, PERHAPS INCLUDING
BREAKFAST, WOULD SEEM TO BE THE MINIMUM.

2. IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH DICK HOLBROOKE, I
WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH
JIM MORAN, MIKE ARMACOST AND MORT SMITH.

3. IT WILL HELP IN OUR PLANNING FOR THE CONFERENCE
IF WE COULD HAVE YOUR ADVICE ON THE FOLLOWING: A)
I WOULD PLAN TO HOST RECEPTION FOR CONFERENCE PARTICI-
PANTS SO THAT THEY CAN MEET HKG OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF
LOCAL COMMUNITY, INDLUDING AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND
JOURNALIST, EITHER ON EVENING JAN 5 OR 6. I WOULD BE
GLAD AS WELL TO HOST BUFFET DINNER ON ALTERNATE EVENING,
BUT SINCE MANY MAY PREFER TO HAVE THE EVENING FREE
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE. B) AM I CORRECT
IN ASSUMING THAT WIVES WILL NOT BE INVITED TO ACCOMPANY
COM'S?

4. FINALLY, I WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF, BEFORE
THE CONFERENCE GETS UNDERWAY, DICK HOLBROOKE COULD
ARRANGE TO MEET FOR ABOUT A HALF HOUR WITH THE AMERICAN
STAFF OF THE CONSULATE. PERHAPS HIS TRAVEL SCHEDULE
WILL PRECLUDE THIS, BUT IF IT IS POSSIBLE I AM SURE
ALL WOULD BE MOST GRATIFIED FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
SEE AND HEAR OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY. AS YOU KNOW,
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HIGH-RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DO NOT OFTEN COME
OUR WAY.
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